

Message Text

SECRET

PAGE 01 STATE 268164

47

ORIGIN NODS-00

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 /001 R

66011

DRAFTED BY: AF:MLGARRISON

APPROVED BY: AF:TWSEELYE

S/S-MR SHANKLE

----- 034709

O 301614Z OCT 76 ZFF4

FM SECSTATE WASHDC

TO AMEMBASSY LONDON IMMEDIATE

S E C R E T STATE 268164

NODIS

FOLLOWING REPEAT GENEVA 8382 ACTION SECSTATE DTD 26 OCT

QTE

S E C R E T GENEVA 8382

NODIS

EO: 11652: XGDS-1

TAGS: PFOR RH

SUBJ: RHODESIAN CONFERENCE: RICHARD'S OCT 25 CONVERSATIONS WITH
THE NATIONALISTS

1. RICHARD MET THE LEADERS OF THE FOUR NATIONALIST DELEGATIONS ON
OCT 25. ANTHONY DUFF PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING BRIEF ACCOUNT OF WHAT
TRANSPIRED.

2. NKOMO AND MUGABE CALLED ON RICHARD TOGETHER AND THEY RAISED
FOUR POINTS. THE TWO LEADERS ACCUSED THE BRITISH OF DOING NOTHING
TO OBTAIN THE RELEASE OF DETAINEES IN RHODESIA. RICHARD AGREED TO
PASS THE MESSAGE TO SMITH BUT GUARANTEED NO RESULTS. SECOND, NKOMO
AND MUGABE SAID THAT "MILITARY BRUTALITIES" WITHIN RHODESIA MUST

SECRET

SECRET

PAGE 02 STATE 268164

CEASE. RICHARD SAID THAT HE WOULD DISCUSS THE QUESTION WITH SMITH,

THAT REALISTICALLY THE LEADERS SHOULD EXPECT NO CONCESSION ON THIS POINT. SMITH WILL NOT CEASE MILITARY OPERATIONS UNLESS THERE IS GOOD REASON TO BELIEVE THE GUERRILLAS WILL DO THE SAME. THIRD, THE TWO LEADERS MENTIONED THEIR INTEREST IN UNITED KINGDOM PROVIDING A MINISTER TO OPEN THE CONFERENCE AND URGED BRITAIN TO REASSUME EFFECTIVE COLONIAL RESPONSIBILITIES IN RHODESIA. RICHARD POINTED OUT THAT HE SPOKE WITH THE AUTHORITY OF THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT AND INTENDED TO CARRY OUT HIS RESPONSIBILITIES IN GENEVA IN A FORCEFUL MANNER. HE WAS NOT PRESENT TO BE A SIMPLE UMPIRE. FOURTH, MUGABE STRESSED PARTICULARLY HIS DELEGATION'S NEED FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDS. HE SAID THE BRITISH WERE "RUDE" IN PROVIDING SO LITTLE MONEY AND SUGGESTED THEY PAY THE NATIONALIST DELEGATIONS OUT OF BLOCKED RHODESIAN ACCOUNTS. RICHARD AGREED TO PASS THE MESSAGE TO LONDON BUT OFFERED LITTLE ENCOURAGEMENT.

3. THE MEETING WITH MUZOREWA WAS PLEASANT AND MORE SOCIAL THAN SUBSTANTIVE IN CONTENT.

4. THE SITHOLE CALL TURNED OUT TO BE MUCH BETTER THAN THE BRITISH EXPECTED. SITHOLE COMPLAINED ABOUT HIS EXCLUSION FROM THE CONFERENCE AND CHARGED THE BRITISH WERE TRYING TO SET UP A PUPPET GOVERNMENT. RICHARD COUNTERED THE PUPPET GOVERNMENT CHARGE AND LAID THE FAULT FOR SITHOLE'S EXCLUSION ON THE FRONT LINE PRESIDENTS. HE TOLD SITHOLE THAT BRITAIN EXPECTED THE PRESIDENTS TO INDICATE WHO WOULD REPRESENT RHODESIA. THE RHODESIAN SITUATION WAS DIFFERENT FROM A NORMAL COLONIAL SITUATION. ELSEWHERE AND UNDER MORE NORMAL CIRCUMSTANCES ELECTIONS WOULD HAVE BEEN INSTITUTED AND THE PEOPLE WOULD HAVE SELECTED THEIR OWN REPRESENTATIVES. THIS WAS CLEARLY NOT POSSIBLE IN RHODESIA.

5. EACH DELEGATION EXPRESSED ITS DOUBTS ABOUT THE COUNCIL OF STATE. RICHARD ANSWERED SAYING THAT THE COUNCIL OF STATE SHOULD BE REGARDED AS A MULTI-HEADED GOVERNOR-GENERAL. IT WAS IN THE INTERESTS OF THE NATIONALISTS TO HAVE RHODESIANS RUN THEIR OWN COUNTRY. OBVIOUSLY THE NATIONALISTS COULD NOT ACCEPT SOMETHING WHICH SMITH OFFERED; THAT IS NOT THE CASE. THE NATIONALISTS SHOULD BELIEVE THE BRITISH. THEY INVENTED THE CONCEPT OF A COUNCIL OF STATE AND THOUGHT IT WAS A GOOD IDEA. THE BRITISH ALSO ARGUED THAT THE NATIONALISTS SHOULD GIVE PROPER WEIGHT TO THE FUNCTIONS OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS.

SECRET

SECRET

PAGE 03 STATE 268164

6. MORE GENERALLY THE BRITISH TOLD EACH LEADER THAT HE HAD TO CHOOSE BETWEEN CONTINUED WAR AND DESTRUCTION OR A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT. SINCE DR. KISSINGER HAD HOOKED SMITH IT WAS UP TO THE NATIONALISTS TO KEEP SMITH ON THE LINE. NOTHING WOULD PLEASE SMITH MORE THAN TO DECLARE THE BAD FAITH OF THE NATIONALISTS AND CARRY OUT THE FIVE POINTS IN HIS OWN WAY. HE COULD SETUP A "PHONY" INTERIM GOVERNMENT AND THEN TURN TO THE WORLD AND SAY HE HAD CARRIED

OUT THE KISSINGER PROGRAM WHICH THE NATIONALISTS HAD REJECTED.
WHILE THE BRITISH COULD NOT REPEAL SANCTIONS UNDER CONDITIONS OF
THIS SORT THE NUMBERS OF THOSE BREAKING SANCTIONS WOULD CLEARLY
RISE. INSTEAD OF MAJORITY RULE IN TWO YEARS THE NATIONALISTS
WOULD HAVE TO FIGHT FOR A DECADE.

7. DUFF REPORTED THAT THE NATIONALISTS LISTENED CAREFULLY TO
THESE POINTS AND HE AND RICHARD ARE PLEASED WITH THE REACTION THEY
HAD. AS A RESULT DUFF IS ENCOURAGED AND BELIEVES THE CONFERENCE
WILL MAKE PROGRESS DESPITE PUBLIC STATEMENTS TO THE CONTRARY. CATTO
UNQTE KISSINGER

SECRET

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: Z
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: PARAMILITARY FORCES, POLITICAL SETTLEMENT, CAT-B, DIPLOMATIC DISCUSSIONS, POLITICAL LEADERS, PRISONERS
RELEASE, NEGOTIATIONS, FORM OF GOVERNMENT
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 30 OCT 1976
Decaption Date: 28 MAY 2004
Decaption Note: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: GolinoFR
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1976STATE268164
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: AF:MLGARRISON
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: X1
Errors: N/A
Film Number: N760007-0871
From: STATE
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 2
Legacy Key: link1976/newtext/t1976101/aaaaaaqj.tel
Line Count: 126
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ORIGIN NODS
Original Classification: SECRET
Original Handling Restrictions: NODIS
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 3
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: SECRET
Previous Handling Restrictions: NODIS
Reference: n/a
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: GolinoFR
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 11 MAY 2004
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <11 MAY 2004 by greeneet>; APPROVED <12 MAY 2004 by GolinoFR>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
04 MAY 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: LOCK1
Status: NATIVE
Subject: RHODESIAN CONFERENCE: RICHARD'S OCT 25 CONVERSATIONS WITH THE NATIONALISTS
TAGS: PFOR, RH, (RICHARD, IVOR), (NKOMO, JOSHUA), (MUGABE, ROBERT), (SITHOLE, NDABANINGI)
To: LONDON
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 04 MAY 2006